



Pharmaceuticals specialist achieves more cost-effective clean steam testing

Elan Pharma International Ltd has simplified its clean steam quality testing procedures by bringing in Spirax Sarco at its recently expanded facility in Athlone, County Westmeath, Ireland. Regular testing helps the company to achieve optimum process control and comply with industry standards.

“Spirax Sarco has the steam expertise and the kit to just walk in and do the tests,” says Mr. Eoghan Gallagher, Project Manager at Elan. “We used to use our microbiology department to carry out the tests, but project constraints due to the large amount of microbiology testing required in a Sterile Fill Finish Facility made us re-think this. By bringing in Spirax Sarco, we have the tests carried out by steam experts and we don’t have to keep the test equipment in-house, where we would need to maintain and calibrate it. It’s much more cost-effective this way.”

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Spirax Sarco engineers test the clean steam system for dryness fraction, non-condensable gases and superheat. According to Mr. Gallagher, these parameters help determine the purity of the steam, which in turn ensures Elan is in compliance with regulatory requirements.

“We’ve been really pleased with the service so far,” says Mr. Gallagher. “We need to keep testing the steam on a quarterly basis and we will keep using Spirax Sarco to do so, probably for a number of years.”

The Spirax Sarco testing regime for Elan complies with HTM 2010, a technical memorandum that was originally developed to safeguard the operation of autoclaves and similar sterilisation processes in the health service. It’s a standard that has been widely adopted by other organisations using clean steam, both in the UK and abroad.

Elan Corporation (NYSE: ELN), plc is a neuroscience-based biotechnology company committed to making a difference in the lives of patients and their families by dedicating itself to bringing innovations in science to fill significant unmet medical needs that continue to exist around the world. Elan shares trade on the New York, London and Dublin Stock Exchanges.

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